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SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO SISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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B) VORONTSOV-ARMITAGE MEMOCON DEC 28, 1973

1. THERE IS SOME CONCERN HERE THAT SOVIET "SENSITIVITIES" OVER HAVING BEEN EXCLUDED FROM RECENT DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES EXERCISE MIGHT HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-ISRAELI RELATIONS. ISRAELIS, AS REPRESENTED BY EBAN'S COMMENTS TO ME ON JAN 4, WERE EXPECTING DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT, EVEN PERHAPS RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, IN AFTERMATH OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. VORONTSOV'S COMMENTS TO ARMITAGE ON DEC 28 SUGGEST EBAN WAS NOT NECESSARILY BEING OVERLY OPTIMISTIC IN THIS RESPECT.

2. SOME OF OUR MFA CONTACTS HAVE SUGGESTED PRIVATELY A BIT OF APPREHENSION ABOUT POSSIBLE CURRENT SOVIET ATTITUDES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, DURING OUR CONVERSATION ON JAN 19, MRS MEIR RAISED SUBJECT IN TERMS OF ASKING WHAT THE SOVIETS MUST THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH EMPHASIS ON SOVIET EXCLUSION FROM THESE DRAMATIC EVENTS. IN REPLIED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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MY LATEST INFO ON THIS SUBJECT CAME FROM OUR DELEGATION IN GENEVA (GENEVA 0307); BASED ON THIS, THE SOVIETS IN GENEVA DID NOT SEEM TOO PLEASED. I DID NOT, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT VINO-GRADOV'S PERSONAL UNHAPPINESS (A FACT ABOUT WHICH PM, AND EVRON

IN PARTICULAR , WERE DELIGHT*) COULD BE TAKEN AS INDICATIVE
OF MOSCOW'S OFFICIAL VIEW. I PROMISED TO PASS HER QUESTION ON
TO WASHINGTON.

3. ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT DISCUSS SUBJECT IN ANY DETAIL, I ASSUME
IMPLICIT IN MRS MEIR'S QUERY IS CONCERN ABOUT IF AND HOW FAST
SOVIETS MAY NOW BE WILLING TO PROCEED RE IMPROVEMENT RELATIONS
WITH ISRAEL. IN ABSENCE OF RECONVENING OF FORMIN IN GENEVA,
ISRAELIS HAVE NO DIRECT WAY OF SOUNDING OUT SOVIETS AT AUTHORITATIVE
LEVEL. I REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT I BE PROVIDED WITH MOST
UP TO DATE AND AUTHORITATIVE INFO AVAILABLE ON THIS SUBJECT
WHICH YOU FEEL COULD APPROPRIATELY BE PASSED TO PM OR
FONMIN.
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